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Note by the Administrator

The present note contains information on the extensions of country cooperation frameworks for Bahrain, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, People's Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Libya, Malaysia, Niger, Nigeria, and Seychelles.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the country cooperation frameworks listed in table 1 and approve the extensions of those listed in table 2.

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Introduction

1. As part of the ongoing measures to streamline documentation, the present note contains information on the extensions of all country cooperation frameworks to be considered by the Board at its current session. The Administrator seeks the views of the Board on the note, particularly regarding the amount of information presented and on ways to improve its presentation.

2. All extensions of country cooperation frameworks are requested by the Government concerned; the Administrator approves the first one-year extension of CCFs while the Executive Board approves the second year or two-year extensions. In table 1, the Administrator presents information on those extensions he has approved since the second regular session 2001. In table 2, he presents information on those extensions that the Board is called upon to approve.

Table 1. Extension of CCFs approved by the Administrator since September 2001

Country	Original period of CCF	Reason and explanation		
		United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Bahrain	1998-2001		To enable greater and fuller implementation of the CCF and to assist the Government in addressing the various development challenges resulting from the recent political development.	
Cameroon	1997-2001	To bring the UNDP programming period into line with the agreed United Nations programming cycle, scheduled to start in January 2003.		
Cape Verde	1998-2001			The new Government, inaugurated in February 2001, is preparing a strategy for development options. This will lead to the national development plan, 2002-2005 and also the Poverty-Reduction Strategy Plan, expected to be ready in 2002. The national development plan will constitute the reference framework for the international community in general and the United Nations system in particular for elaboration of both the UNDAF and the new CCF.
Central African Republic	1999-2001		To allow more time to prepare a new CCF in the light of current in-country political uncertainties.	
Djibouti	1997-2001	To bring the UNDP programming period into line with the agreed United Nations programming cycle, scheduled to start in January 2003.		
Dominican Republic	1997-2001		The new Government will launch a national development plan in the fourth quarter, 2001. Accordingly, more time is required to align the new CCF with the national plan and the UNDAF. The new CCF will cover the period 2003-2006 to bring it into harmony with the programming cycles of UNICEF, UNFPA and WFP.	
Malaysia	1997-2001		The United Nations Team will undertake an assessment of the role of the United Nations in relation to the development priorities of Malaysia in early 2002. This will be based in part on the newly released Eighth Development Plan. The Government of Malaysia will conduct a review of the SRF immediately following the Country Team's assessment. This will form the basis for dialogue on the objectives and scope of the next UNDP Country Programme.	
Nigeria	1997-2001			Initial implementation of the CCF was delayed and continued at a slow pace. The mid-term review of the present CCF, which took place in September 2000, confirmed that its strategy and thematic areas (the poverty level at 70 per cent) remain relevant to the priorities of the Government and recommended a transition period for fuller combination of grass-roots/downstream activities and policy/upstream activities. UNDP will join the agreed United Nations harmonization cycle in 2003.

Table 2. Extensions of CCFs for which the approval of the Executive Board is sought

Country	Years covered by original CCF	Year(s) covered by any extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				2nd one year	Two years	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Owing to the political situation, no CCF has been approved. The fourth cycle programme was extended three times; an interim programme was formulated for the years 1995-1996, which has been extended annually up to 2000.		2001-2002		X	United Nations organizations (UNICEF, WFP, UNFPA) have agreed to harmonize their programming cycles beginning in 2003.	A country review was conducted in Oct. 2001. A new CCF, covering the period 2003-2005, will be formulated. In the extension period, UNDP interventions will focus on governance and poverty eradication, including HIV/AIDS and gender. UNDP will continue to support recovery and rehabilitation activities, including demobilization of ex-combatants and reintegration of displaced persons and refugees.	
Congo, People's Republic of	No CCF approved by the Executive Board because of internal political situation. Executive Board authorized Administrator (in decision 94/10) to continue assistance on a project-by-project basis. This has been periodically extended up to December 2001.		2002-2003		X		While most post-conflict activities (reintegration of ex-combatants and community) will continue in 2002, UNDP in the next two years will support mainly the democratic transition through activities focusing on governance (justice, human rights, support to parliamentarian institutions), gender and AIDS, and support the preparation of a Poverty-Reduction Strategy Paper.	
Côte d'Ivoire	1998 - 2000	2001	2002	X		United Nations programmes to be harmonized from 1 January 2003.	In-country situation delayed implementation of CCF.	
Libya	1998-2000	2001	2002	X				To resolve outstanding issue of payment of government local office contribution arrears to UNDP.
Niger	1999-2001	2002-2003			X	The extension will allow United Nations harmonization of the cycle from January 2004. The present CCF focus on poverty, environment, sustainable development and governance, confirmed relevant by the June 2001 country review will be continued.		
Seychelles	1997-1999	2000	2001-2002		X			The Government of Seychelles, now a net contributor country, has requested that a new CCF be prepared based solely on non-core resources. These are presently foreseen to be primarily Global Environment Facility resources and Government cost-sharing. The Government has further requested that this CCF start in 2003, and that the present CCF be exceptionally extended for a further two years, up to the end of 2002.